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TAGS: PARM PREL MTCRE MNUC ETTC MY IR

SUBJECT: IRAN AND SYRIA NONPROLIFERATION ACT --

NOTIFICATION OF SANCTIONS AGAINST TWO MALAYSIAN ENTITIES

REF: A. 07 STATE 48862

1B. 07 KUALA LUMPUR 652

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Classified By: Political Section Chief Mark Clark for reasons 1.4 (b and d).

11. (S/NF) In advance of the public announcement, Post notified Malaysian Foreign Ministry officials in the Americas Division and the Multilateral Political Affairs Division, as well as the Malaysian Police, of the INSA sanctions against the two Malaysian firms (Challenger, Target Airfreight). Post's previous discussions with Malaysian officials on these cases meant they were well-prepared for the news. They had no immediate comment on official notification of the sanctions.

12. (U) Foreign Minister Syed Hamid, responding to questions by local journalists April 24, reportedly described the charges against the Malaysian firms as "serious," he said, "we will check thoroughly the accuracy of the allegations...." The Foreign Minister added that such actions by the companies would be inconsistent with Malaysia's policy against the development of weapons of mass destruction.

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